

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 203 – SB 407**

March 5, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Davidson County clerk to issue copies of birth certificates. Authorizes all county clerks to issue death certificates.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue – \$323,700**

**Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive**

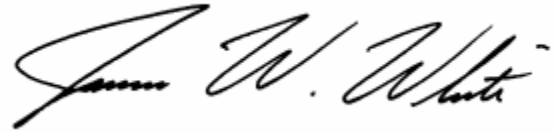
**Assumptions:**

- Only county clerks capable of issuing certificates without requiring additional personnel would participate.
- The number of birth or death certificates requested statewide would be unchanged.
- Approximately 50 percent of birth certificates that are currently issued by the State Office of Vital Records for Davidson County may now be issued by the Davidson County Clerk, resulting in decrease in state revenue of \$95,450.
- Approximately 25 percent of death certificates that are currently issued by county health departments may now be issued by county clerks. Because revenue collected in county health departments is considered state revenue, this may result in a decrease in state revenue of \$228,200.
- Local governments who choose to participate may experience an increase in local revenue estimated to exceed \$100,000 for fees charged for issuing birth and death certificates.
- Local governments who choose to participate may experience an increase in local expenditures estimated to exceed \$100,000 for the cost of issuing certificates.
- Local governments will use existing TNII computer line connections with the Department of Safety (DOS) for the issuance of birth and death certificates. DOS indicates no additional cost for utilizing these TNII lines.

- Some responsibilities for issuing certificates that are currently undertaken by the Department of Health will be shifted to local governments. Any additional resources required by the Department for assisting with county programs can be accommodated through the shifting of these responsibilities.
- The decrease in state revenue will not occur unless counties choose to implement the provisions of this legislation.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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